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Kaufman, in the meantime, had disappeared."

New York will have another "hundred million dollar bank" to be known as the Mechanics and Metals National. Gates W. McGarrah will be president.

The trial of Mme. Marguerite Steinhell, charged with the murder of her husband and her stepmother at Paris, was interrupted by a man who said his name was Jean Lefevre. This man said that he had committed the murders and that the woman was innocent. He was ordered into custody and his confession will be investigated.

President Taft says he will take time in filling the United States supreme court vacancy.

General John L. Coppinger died at his home in Washington City. He was the son-in-law of the late James G. Blaine.

John M. Smyth, pioneer merchant of Chicago, is dead.

C. B. Murdock, editor of the Eldorado (Kan.) Republican, died at Kansas City, Mo. He was an uncle of Representative Murdock of Kansas.

Both sides are claiming victory in the Nicaraguan rebellion.

The national farmers' congress is in session at Raleigh, N. C.

Buffalo, N. Y., voted for the commission form of government.

The Norwegian steamer Avalon went ashore on the north coast of Jamaica.

Louis Kiek, clerk of the United States district and circuit courts, died at Cheyenne.

The United States Rubber company's boot mill was closed down at Millville, Mass.

The national association for the study and prevention of pellagra was formally organized at Columbia, S. C.

Directors of the American Cotton Oil company declared an annual dividend of 5 per cent on the common stock.

Hundreds of Washington women attended a reception given to Mrs. Emeline Pankhurst, the English suffragette.

Jean Paul Laurens, the French artist, has finished his painting for the court house at Baltimore, portraying the surrender of Yorktown.

Fire destroyed the plant and building of the Breece Manufacturing company's rim and spoke works, Portsmouth, O. The loss, \$100,000, is covered by insurance.

The fortieth annual convention of the general executive committee of the women's foreign missionary society of the Methodist Episcopal church closed at Pittsburg.

Pursuant to a plan to station fifty thousand well drilled soldiers between the great lakes and the Rocky mountains, the Canadian government has ordered another squadron of regulars to locate at Winnipeg.

John Stewart Kennedy, the New York millionaire who died recently of whooping cough, left bequests of more than twenty-five million dollars to religious and educational institutions. Nearly half of the twenty-five million dollars goes to institutions connected with the Presbytere-

rian church. The United Charities of New York City gets \$1,500,000. He left his wife \$12,000,000.

Augustus VanWyck, former supreme court justice in New York will probably be the successor of the late Patrick H. McCarren as leader of the Brooklyn democracy. VanWyck was defeated by Roosevelt for governor of New York.

It is charged and generally believed that the man who confessed that he had been guilty of the murders charged against Mme. Steinhell was simply a cracked brained youth, having no connection whatever with the murders.

A Cincinnati, O., cablegram carried by the Associated Press says: "Prof. E. I. Yowell reported today that Halley's comet was observed from Mt. Lookout observatory last night. The comet came into view about 10:30 p. m., and appeared as a small speck of light pushing towards the sun at the rate of a million miles an hour. According to Professor Yowell, the comet will be brightest May 18, but will be observable to the naked eye long before that."

The Chicago Federation of Labor is investigating the charge that the sum of \$10,000 was spent among the delegates to the recent state convention of the Illinois Federation of Labor at Belleville for the purpose

of adopting a resolution condemning local option on the liquor question. This resolution was passed by a narrow margin and charges that local option movements are inimical to organized labor.

W. Cameron Forbes, now vice governor of the Philippines, has been named by President Taft as governor general to succeed James Smith, the present day occupant of that office.

On November 5 it was rumored that Theodore Roosevelt had been killed in Africa and this report was telegraphed over the country. It was, of course, promptly denounced.

Senator Aldrich of Rhode Island is now on his western trip. He says he wants to learn as well as impart information.

The Hawaiian legislature has adopted resolutions objecting to prohibition on the liquor question in that territory.

An Associated Press cablegram Harrisburg, Pa., says: "In an official statement issued from the executive department Attorney General Todds makes these allotments of the reward of \$15,000 offered by the state for the apprehension and conviction of the party or parties who abducted Willie Whitla; Patrick O'Reilly, Cleveland, \$5,000; William H. Hunley, Cleveland, \$2,000; T. C.

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